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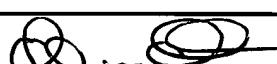
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Applicant/Patent Owner: David McCray Peele et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 09/735,177 / 6,805,134 Filed/Issue Date: 12/12/2000 / 10/19/2004

Entitled: Tobacco Processing

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